Rowley Regis Urban District Council, STAFFORDSHIRE.

Annual Report

FOR YEAR 1906,

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health,

INCLUDING A

Report on the Administration of the Factory and Workshop Act (1901) in this District.

A Report on the Administration of the
Vaccination Act in this District.
Schedules of Work done in the
Departments of the
Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

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ROWLEY REGIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL STAFFORDSHIRE.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1906.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,-

As this Report has to be presented to several Authorities who are unfamiliar with the Sanitary history of this district a certain amount of repetition will be necessary. It will contain the usual Statistics of Births, Deaths, Birth-rates, Rates of Mortality and Infantile Mortality from general and special causes, cases of Infectious Diseases notified, and an epitome of Sanitary Work for the last year.

It will also contain a Report of the Statistics of the Population estimated to the middle of each year, Births registered, Deaths at all ages, and Deaths under one year for the whole of the District and for each Ward separately for the ten years ending December 31st, 1906; also an estimated Population to the middle of 1906.

The estimated population is obtained in the following manner:—By deducting the deaths which occurred between July 1st. 1905, and June 30th, 1906 (594), from the Births for the same period (1175), and again deducting two hundred and eighty-one as wastage from migration and other uncertified causes. As mentioned in my previous reports, the discrepancy on the estimated population obtained solely on the difference between the deaths and births registered each year for the ten years ending December 31st. 1900, was found by comparison with the census of 1901 to be about two hundred per annum in excess of the actual population. This year I have deducted two hundred and eighty-one, as I think the depression in trade during the past three years will justify my calculation.

There will be a Report on the Administration of the Factory and Workshops Act (1901) in this district; also a report on the working of the Vaccination Act in this district.

The tables will be the same as last year, viz:—Three sets. The first Series I. to V. are condensed statements of my own arranging, and deals with deaths within and (when known) of deaths of residents outside the district. No. II., in addition to the deaths. shows the number of births registered, whilst Nos. IV. and V. deal exclusively with deaths from Zymotic causes.

The second Series I.—VI. are those demanded by the Local Government Board. The Third Series are those demanded by the Staffordshire County Council; the first five of these correspond exactly with those issued by the Local Government Board, and consequently are not reproduced. The sixth of these series refers to work done in the Sanitary Inspector's Department, and will be found annexed to this report.

Showing the Births, Deaths, and Rate of Mortality in the Year 1906. TABLE 1.

is to Deaths.	m From From sis. Lungs. Heart.	4.09 14.16 6.48
Percentage of total Deaths to Deaths.	Of persons From the notified From under sixty five Principal Phithisis. Of age. Diseases.	3.58
Percent	Deaths Of persons From the under Infants over notified One Year under sixty five Principal toBirths one year years Zymotic Regist'ed of age.	29.35 22.7
Per-		14.31
from	S. Heart.	1.02
per 1,000	sis Lungs.	2.23
eath-rate	Principal Zymotic Diseases.	. 64
Annual Death-rate per 1,000 from	. 1	
		15.75
	Birth-	32.31
HELV CONTRACTOR	Deaths.	586
	vi, ths	1202

Deaths in District 541

Deaths of Residents outside District 45

586

TABLE II.

Showing the Births and Deaths from all couses, and from certain special causes in each Quarter of 1906

				Javet		2
	Heart Disease.	12 plus 1	∞	8 plus	∞	36 plus 2
DEATHS FROM	Disease of Lungs.	40	23	9	14	83
DEATH	Phthisi.	20	2 plus 2	6 plus 2	7	20 plus 4
	The notified Zymotic Diseases.	4	9	w	8	21
	from 1Ses.	us 13	∞	,, I4) IO	, 45
	Deaths from all causes.	163 plus 13	129	119	130 ,,	541 ,, 45
	Births.	315	299	293	295	1202
			:		:	:
	nding		•	oth	st	
	Quarters ending	March 31st	June 30th	September 30th	December 31st	Total

0

Showing the Rate of Mortality in the District in each Quarter of 1906.

Quarters ending. per 1000 per annum fro all causes.	per 1000 per annum from all causes.	Of Infants under one	(
	73	year of age.	Of persons over sixty-five years of age.	The Notified Zymotic Diseases.
March 31st 4.73	3	7.51	8.70	89.
June 30th 3	3.68	6,14	01.4	1.02
September 30th 3.	3.58	8.87	5.12	15.
December 31st 3:	3.76	6.83	4.78	1.37
Total 15:	15.75	26.35	7.22	3.58

TABLE IV.

Shewing the number of DEATHS at two Groups of Ages from the notified Zymotic Diseases in each Quarter of 1906.

elas.	Over 5	0	1	0	7	77
Erysipelas.	Over Under Over Under Over Under S 5 5 5 5 5	0	0	0	0	0
Cholera.	Over 5	0	0	0	0	0
Chol	Under 5	0	0	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	Over 5.	0	H	-	3	70
Typ Fev	(inder	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pever.	Over 5		0	0	I	G
Puerpera Pever.	Under	0	0	0	0	0
heria n ran-	Over	, 0	-	0	н	2
Diphtheria aud Mem ran-	Under	, ") 14	0	0	4
2	Over		0	post	punt	2
Small Pox Scarlet Fever.	Under		8	ıi	1	4
Pox	Over	0	0	0	0	0
	Under	0	0	0	0	0
Notified Prin- cipal Zymotic	Under Over Under Over Under	0		0 0	7	13
Notified cipal Z	Under Ove	0 0	n (1)) н	н	∞
	Quarters ending.	March 21st	June 30th	September 30th	December 31st	Total

TABLE V,

Supplementary Table showing the DEATHS at two Groups of Ages from other Zymotic Diseases not included in Table IV.

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	Mea	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Cough.	Diarrhœa.	hœa.	Influenza.	enza.
Quarters ending.	Under 5	Over 5	Under 5	Cver 5	Under 5	Over 5	Under	Over 5
:	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
:	0	0		0	8	0	0	8
:	9	0	bend	0	23	0	0	H
:	10	0	H	C	10	¢	0	-
:	91	0	24	0	28	0	0	4

Table I.

URBAN DISTRICT OF ROWLEY REGIS.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1906, and previous Years.

	Population	Birtl	hs.	Total i Und Year o		Registe district.		Total Deaths in	of Non-re- dents	Deaths of Residents regis-	Nett I at all belong the Di	Ages ing to
Year.	estimated to Middle of each Year.	Num- ber.	Rate.*	Num- ber.	Rate per 1000 Births Regis- tered.	Num- ber.	Rate.*	Public Institutions in the District.	regis- tered in Public Institu- tions in the District	tered in Public Institu- tions beyond the District	Num- ber.	Rate.*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	I I	12	13
1896	33800	1216	36.	222	182.2	622	18.4	14	0	14	636	18.8
1897	34500	1304	37.8	237	181.2	598	17'3	II	0	11	609	17.6
1898	35200	1336	37.9	227	169.9	650	18.46	18	0	18	668	18,0
1899	36000	1374	38.17	243	176.8	596	16.22	27	0	22	618	17'1
1900	36760	1402	38.1	252	179.7	653	17.76	19	0	15	668	18.17
1901	34835	1313	37.69	230	175.1	602	17.28	0	0	16	618	17.7
1902	35400	1307	36.92	168	128.24	493	13 9	0	0	23	516	14.2
1903	36000	1323	36 75	194	146.64	547	15.19	0	0	15	562	15.6
1904	36400	1317	35 9	215	163.5	598	16.43	0	0	33	631	17.33
1905	36900	1227	33.52	178	147.5	510	13.8	0	0	30	540	14.63
Averages for years 1896 to 1905.	35579°5	1311.9	36.84	216.6	165.158	586.9	16.337	8.9	0	19.7	606.6	17.033
1906	37200	1202	33.31	171	142.26	541	14.24	0	υ	45	586	15.75

*Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13 calculated per 1000 of estimated population.

NOTE.—The deaths to be included in Column 7 of this Table are the whole of those registered during the year as having actually occurred within the district or division. The deaths to be included in Column 12 are the number in Column 7, corrected by the subtraction of the number in Column 10 and the addition of the number in Column 11.

By the term "Non-residents" is meant persons brought into the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and dying in public institutions there; and by the term "Residents" is meant persons who have been taken out of the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and have died in public institutions elsewhere.

The "Public institutions" to be taken into account for the purposes of these Tables are those into which persons are habitually received on account of sickness or infirmity, such as hospitals, workhouses and lunatic asylums. A list of the Institutions in respect of the deaths in which corrections have been made should be given on the back of this Table.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water), 3670.

Total population of all ages. 37200

Number of inhabited houses. 7466

Average number of persons per house 4.9

At Census of 1901.

Table II.

Vital Statistics of separate Localities in 1906 and previous Years.

URBAN DISTRICT OF ROWLEY REGIS.

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TIVIDALE. POWLEY REGIS. PLACKHEATH. Population edition cation of sach year. Population cation of sach year.	CH.		d.	33	53	42	54	48	49	39	49	38	38	4	37
TIVIDALE.	HEAT	Deaths at all ages.	1 :3	138	134	138	141	144	127	132	142	140	145	138	128
TIVIDALE.	DLEY	Birtha registered.	<i>b</i> .	569	284	263	309	276	306	569	317	348	304	294	321
TIVIDALE Population estimated to middle Population estimated Popu	CRA	mated to middle	a.	8885	9045	9205	9389	9550	9237	9331	9494	9584	9116	9444	1626
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		mated to middle	a	2819	2863	2907	2957	3005	2809	2850	9682	2932	2973	2901	2998
	Names of Local-ities.			1896	1897	8681	6681	0061	1961	1902	1903	1904	3061	Aver- ages of years 1896 to 1905.	9061

Table

Cases of Infections Diseases notified during the Year 1906.

URBAN DISTRICT OF ROWLEY REGIS.

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cality.		Heath	Cradley	0 0	. w	0 (2) (1	6	m (o «	0	0	58
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w ui þa		At Ages	5 to 15	0	0 0	0	0	93	· 10	0	0 (o o	108
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		Disease.			: :	us Crou	:	rer	ver	Fever	Fever	Fever	Totals
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	acistale al										Con	Pue	

Isolation Hospital, Tividale (Enteric Fever).

Table IV.

Causes of, and Ages at, Death during the Year 1906

URBAN DISTRICT OF ROWLEY REGIS.

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Causes of Death.	All ages.	Under I Vear.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and upwards						Total Deaths in stitutions in the
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	t I	12	13	Tot
Small-pox	0 16 6 2 4	6 0 4	0 10 4 20	0 0 2 0	0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 4 0 0	0 4 2 4	0 3 1 5	0 4 2 11	0 I I 4	0 16 6 24
Diphtheria and Membranous croup	6	0	4 0	2	0	0	0	I	I 0	2 0	2	0	6
Fever { Typhus Enteric Other continues	5	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	Ĭ	2	2	0	5
Epidemic Influenza Cholera Plague Diarrhœa Enteritis Puerperal Fever Erysipelas Other Septic Diseases	4 o o 28 13 2 2 2	0 0 23 7 0	0 0 0 5 1 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 1 0 0	4 0 0 0 2 1 1 2	0 0 0 0 0 0 1	1 0 0 6 2 0 1	0 0 0 2 0 1 1	0 0 0 4 4 1 0 1	2 0 0 9 4 0 0	1 0 7 3 0	4 0 0 28 13 2 2
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis Other tubercular	24	2	2	2	6	11	ī	4	4	7	6	3	24
diseases Cancer, malignant	. 15	5	6	2	ī	I	0	0	0	I	8	6	15
disease Bronchitis Pneumonia Pleurisy Other Diseases of Re-	1	9 0	0 I I4 0	0 0 1	0 I 0	14 12 '9	5 24 2 0	5 5 0	3 7 7 0	12 7 0	7 16 11 0	5 7 6 0	19 47 36 0
spiratory Organs	4	I	2	0	0	I	0	0	I	I	ı	I	4
Cirrhosis of liver Venereal Diseases	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	I	I	4
Premature birth Diseases and Accidents	27	27	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	4	7	4	27
of Parturition Heart Diseases Accidents Suicides Murder All other causes	I	0 2 1 0 0 75	0 0 7 0 1 12	0 I 2 0 0 8	0 1 3 1 0 5	3 19 13 2 0 48	0 15 2 0 0 80	0 4 6 1 0	0 5 7 1 0 25	0 9 5 0 0 53	9 3 1 1 81	3 11 7 0 0 55	3 38 28 3 1 228
All causes	586	172	89	20	22	150	133	61	83	126	188	128	586

Table V.

URBAN DISTRICT OF ROWLEY REGIS.

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1906.

Deaths from stated causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age.

			_		1	1		1	1	1	1		· i	- (1	1		-
Car	ise of Death.	Under I Week	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks	3-4 Weeks	Total under I month		2-3 Months.	3.4 Months.	4-5 Months			- 4	8-9 Months.	9-10 Months.	IO-II Montis.	11-12 Months.	Total Deaths under one year
	Certified Uncertified	35	5	5	5	50 4	16	9	15	1 I 0	18	12	6	5	14	4	7 0	167
Common Infectious Diseases.	Small Pox Chicken Pox Measles Scarlet Fever Diphtheria: Croup Whooping Cough	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 0 0	0 0 1 0 0	0 0 3 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 6 0 0 4
Diarrhœal Diseases.	Diarrhæa, all forms Enteritis, Muco-enteri- tis, Gastro-enteritis Gastritis, Gastro-intes-	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 I	0	0	8	2	1	0 1	0	0	0	23
Wasti n g	Premature Birth Congenital Defects Injury at Birth Want of Breast-milk,	24 2 I	0 I 0	0 I 0	2 2 0	26 6 I	I 2 0		0 0 0	0 0 0	0 I 0	0 0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	2 27 9 1
Diseases.	Starvation Atrophy, Debility, Marasmus	9	0	2	0	12	7	2	6	5	0	0	0	0	0		() [0 40
Tuberculous	Tuberculous Meningitis Tuberculous Peritonitis Tabes Mesenterica						0		0		0			0				4 I
Diseases.	Other Tuberculous Diseases	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	I	0	I	0	0	2
	Erysipelas Syphilis Rickets Meningitis, not Tuber-	0	0 I 0	0 0	0 0	0 I 0	0 0	0 I 0	0	0 I 0	0	0		0		0	0	3 0
Other Causes 〈	culous Convulsions Bronchistis Laryngitis Pneumonia Suffocation, overlying Other Causes	0 3 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 1 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 5 1 0 0	0 2 1 0 1 0 1	0 I 0 I 0	0 1 3 0 0 0	0 0 I I 0 0	0 0 1 0 2 0	2 0 2 0 0 3	0 0	0 0 0	I	0 2	0 0	4 10 10 1 9 0
		39	5	5	5	54	16	9	15	11	18	12	7	5	14	4	7	172

District of Rowley Regis.

Population (estimated to middle of 1906), 37,200.

Births in the Year—Legitimate, 1,185; Illegitimate, 17.

Deaths in the Year of—Legitimate Infants, 168; Illegitimate Infants, 4.

Deaths from all causes at all ages, 586.

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ANI) CONSEQUENTLY ARE NOT REPRODUCED.

SANITARY URBAN DISTRICT OF ROWLEY REGIS.

	Area	Inhabited	V oid	No. of New Houses	Total number of	Popul	ation.
Name of Wards.	in Acres.	Houses in each Ward.	Houses in each Ward.	built during 1906.	Houses in each Ward.	Census 1901,	Esti- mated to middle of 1906.
Tividale	984	603	54	8	657	2796	2998
Rowley Regis	1347	1096	49 45 1145 5317		5317	5710	
Blackheath	118	1379	35	11	1414	6565	7089
Old Hill	599	2356	2 2	2 I	2378	10799	11612
Cradley Heath	552	2032	15	33	2047	9193	9791
Total	3670	7466	175	118	7641	34670	37200

Average number of persons per house:-

Tividale Ward		4 9
Rowley Regis Ward	0 4 4	5.5
Black Heath Ward		5.1
Old Hill Ward	* * *	4.8
Cradley Heath Ward	~ ^ *	4.8
•		

Average for whole District 4.9

Physical features and general character of the District:—

District very undulating.

Altitudes in the Parish:

Tividale	49 8 feet	above sea lev	el at Live	erpool, as p Surv	oer Ordinance ey, 1881.
Cox's Rough	866	,,	,,	,,	,,
Oakham	769	,,	"	"	"
Darby's Hill	880	,,	"	"	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Turner's Hill	893	,,	"	,,	,,
Rowley	722	,,	,,	51	"
Blackheath	607	,,	"	"	,,
Old Hill	387	,,	,,	"	,,
Cradley Heath	346	,,	,,	"	,,

Altitudes near Dudley outside this parish:—

Dudley Castle 763 feet above sea level at Liverpool

Sedgley 780 ,, Wren's Nest 794 ,.

Tividale. Loose Loom. Sub-soil. Clay and Roche

City. Waterlogged.

Rowley Regis. Practically dry to within a depth of eight to ten feet.

Blackheath Practically dry to within a depth of eight to ten feet.

Tump Road. Roche

High Street. Sand.

Old Hill. Clay and Blue Roche.

Windmill End and Church Street. Waterlogged

Cradley Heath, Clay and Blue Roche.

Grainger's Lane Foxoak Street, and Cokeland Place. Water-logged in places

PROXIMITY TO WATER.

Tividale. The Birmingham Canal runs parallel with Tividale, and is within a varying distance of 100 to 200 yards

Rowley Regis. The Birmingham Canal at Windmill End to Powke Lane.

Blackheath. Canal Basin and Reservoir at Whiteheath within 300 yards, Birmingham Canal on lower side dividing it from Old Hill.

Old Hill. Mouse Sweet Brook and Birmingham Canal.

Cradley Heath. River Stour on lower division and Mouse Sweet Brook.

BIRTHS.

One thousand two hundred and two births have been registered in the year 1906, viz.:—Five hundred and ninety males, and six hundred and twelve females.

They were located as follows:—

Tividale	46	Males	63	Females.
Rowley Regis	86	22	91	27
Blackheath	119	"	100	77
Old Hill	186	1)	190	26
Cradley Heath	153	"	158	22
	590	plus	612	<u> </u>

Total for the whole district, 1202. Annual Birth-rate, 32.31.

MORTALITY RETURNS.

Five hundred and eighty-six deaths have been recorded, viz:— Five hundred and forty-one in the district, and forty-five of residents who have died outside the district. These outside deaths occurred as follows:—Six at the General Hospital, Birmingham; eight at Stafford Asylum; nineteen at the Dudley Workhouse; and twelve at the Guest Hospital, Dudley.

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In the First Quarter one hundred and sev		
registered, viz.:— Under one year of age	-	44
All other ages		132
In the Second Quarter one hundred and	thirty-	seven deaths
were registered, viz. :—Under one year of age		36
All other ages	• • •	101
In the Third Quarter one hundred and	thirty-	three deaths
were registered, viz.: - Under one year of age		52
All other ages		81
In the Fourth Quarter one hundred and	lforty	deaths were
	• • •	40
All other ages	• • •	100
Making a total of	4.	586

ANALYSIS OF DEATH-RATE.

Deaths Registered.	Groups of Ages.	Annual Death rate
	**	per 1000 of Inhabitants.
172	Under 1 year	4.62
89	Between 1 and 5 years	2.39
20	,, 5 and 15 years	
22	,, 15 and 25 year	
150	,, 25 and 65 year	s 4 03
133	Over 65 years	3.28
586		15.75

Schedules of deaths under one year of age, and between one and five years, certified as due to the following causes:—

						Under	Between
Dis e ase						ı year.	
Measles						6	10
Scarlet Fever						0	
Whooping Cough				• • •		4	4
Diphtheria and M	Ieml				• •	0	20
Diarrhœa	L C all o	or a nou.	J () I (мР			4
Enteritis .			• • •			23	5
Dhthiaia						7	I
			• • •			2	2 ·
Tubercular Disea	se			• • •		5	6
	• • •		• • •			10	I
Pneumonia		• • •				9	14
Disease of Respir	ator	y Orgai	ns		• • •	I,	2
Premature Birth					1	27	0
Heart Disease.						2	0
Accidents						I	7
Murders						0	, T
Other Causes					•••	7 5	T 2
		•••				/ 3	1 %
						170	0 0
					¥.	172	89
					-		Market and Antonio

The following Table shows the number of Deaths under two groups of ages, and the number of Zymotic Cases notified in each quarter of 1906.

				-		
	Over 5 years.	62	47	42	28	176
	Under 5 years.	0,	4	31	23	96
	Total Cases.	49	69	73	81	M
hœa.	Over 5 years.	0	0	0	0	0
Diarr	Under 5 years.	0	ч	23	60	80 8
enza.	Over 5 years.	0	04	I	ı	4
Influe	Under 5 years.	0	0	0	0	0
Cough	Over 5 years.	0	0	0	0	0
Wh'p'ng	Under 5 years.	15	7	H	-	45
	Over 5 years.	0	0	0	0	0
Meas	Under 5 years.	0	0	9	01	91
	Total Deaths.	2	joon(proj	31	1.5	72
	Over 5 years.	 	3	7	7	
	Under 5 years.	3	33	H	_	∞
TOO NO	Total sdtsə(I	4	9	3	∞	7
		First Quarter	Second "	Third ,,	Fourth ,.	Total
	Measles. Wh'p'ngCough Influenza. Diarrhœa.	Deaths Under Syears. Under Joachs Joachs	Total Total Deaths Under Journer J	Stond " Styears. Cond Cond Cond Cond Cond Cond Cond Cond	Larter Larter Larter Acases Acases	Total Deaths Total Diarrhogough Diarrhogo

This Table shows an Annual Death-rate of '56 per 1000 of inhabitants from Notified Infectious Diseases. It also shows an Annual Death-rate of 1.93 per 1000 of inhabitants from Un notified Infectious Diseases. Also that 7.31 per 1000 of inhabitants were notified as suffering from some form of Infectious Disease.

Comparison of Death-rate from Zymotic Diseases.

In 1901 there were 602 per 1000 deaths from Notified Diseases

"	1902	"	.649	5 9	,,	"
"	1903	9 9	75	"	"	"
1 2	1904	"	57	33	"	"
"	1905	"	27	,,	99	21
,,	1906	,,	.26	"	35	59

In 1901 there were 2'44 per 1000 deaths from Un-notified Diseases.

"	1902	"	.87	"	"	,,
"	1903	31	1.88	15	3.2	,,
7 9	1904	;	2'11	***	,,	"
"	1905	"	1.65	3 1	,,	,,
,,	1906	1 2	1.93	"	13	,,

Rate per 1000 of inhabitants notified as suffering from Infectious Diseases.

In 1901 there were 7:14 per 1000.

,,	1902	>>	8.02	"
"	1903	> *	9.36	51
۶,	1904	, ,	8.1	,,
"	1905	"	4'98	,,
,,	1906	,,	7.3 I	,,

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Table of deaths from Zymotic Causes from years 1896 to 1906.

Cause of Death.	1897	1898	189 9	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906
Small Pox	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	14	8	8	2	Ι2	7	13	I 2	5	6
M⊬asles	0	4 5	3	47	4	2 I	43	27	17	16
Diphtheria and M'branous Croup	5	3	3	6	3	6	5	3	2	6,
Whooping Cough	8	15	4	4	55	2	9	26	14	24
Continued Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	4	38	9	6	2	4	3	2	3	5
Diarrhœa	35	32	2 2	' 5	25	6	15	25	2 7	28
Erysipelas	3	I	2	5	I	3	3	ı	0	2
Influenza	9	6	5	7	I	2	1	ī	3	4
Cholera	0	0	0	0	C	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	I	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	0	2
Total	79	151	61	96	106	54	95	100	71	93

For a tabulated statement of Deaths from Infectious Diseases see Tables IV. and V., first series For a Quarterly Death-rate per 1000 of inhabitants see Table III, first series.

The following Tables show the Distribution of Sickness and Deaths throughout the district from Zymotic Diseases in two groups of ages in specified areas, taking each ward as an area, and giving the population of each Ward according to the approximate estimated population to the middle of 1906.

TIVIDALE WARD. Estimated Population to middle of 1906, 2998.	Small Pox Scarlet Fever Diphtheria and Membrous Croug Erysipelas Euteric Fever Puerperal Fever							
	First Quarter.							
·	Sickness Under 5 yrs. I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I							
STREET LIST.	Deaths Under 5 yrs.							
Brades Road Dingle Street Brades Row Brades Village	Second Quarter.							
Salop Street Albion Street Roway Lane	Sickness Over 5 yrs. 2 1 1 2							
Dudley Road Upper Chapel Street Britannia Street Lower Chapel Street	Deaths Over 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.							
Lower Chapel Street Tipton Road Groveland Road Groveland Crown Bob Colliery Hange Colliery	Third Quarter.							
Parker's Lane California (back of Oakham Colliery)	Sickness Over 5 yrs. 2							
City Lye Cross Darby's Hill Oakham (Mr. Jones' side, part of)	Deaths Over 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.							
	Fourth Quarter.							
	Sickness Over 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.							
	Deaths Over 5 yrs.							

ROWLEY REGIS WARD Estimated Population to middle of 1906, 5710.	Small Pox Scarlet Fever Diphtheria and Membr'ous Croup Erysipelas Enteric Fever Puerperal Fever						
	First Quarter.						
STREET LIST.	Sickness Over 5 yrs. I 2 2						
Oakham (from boundary by Mr. Jones' to Wheat Sheaf, South Side) Turner's Hill	Deaths Over 5 yrs.						
Birmingham Road (from Endowed School to Mr. Harper's) Rowley Village	Second Quarter.						
Siviter's Lane Ross Shepherd's Fold Vew Tree Lane	Sickness Under 5 yrs. 3 1 2 1						
Powke Lane (from Southale's to Canal) Moore Lane	Deaths Over 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.						
Bell End Church Road Hawes Lane Dudley Road Springfield Lane	Third Quarter.						
Doulton Road (above canal) Bullfield	Sickness Over 5 yrs.						
Tippetty Green Perry's Lake Gadd's Green Hailstone Hill	Deaths Under 5 yrs. - - - - - -						
Portway Road Throne Whiteheath Gate (Chapel Side)	Fourth Quarter.						
Mincing Lane Duke Street Curall Road	Sickness Over 5 yrs. I 5 2						
	Deaths Over 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.						

BLACK HEATH WARD Estimated Population to middle of 1906, 7089.	Small Pox Scarlet Fever Diphtheria and Membrous Croup Erysipelas Futeric Fever Puerperal Fever						
	First Quarter.						
STREET LIST. Oldbury Road	Sickness Under 5 yrs. 3 1 2 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1						
Mott Street Birmingham Road, No. 1468	Deaths Over 5 yrs.						
High Street Short Street, Causeway Halesowen Street Hackett St. John Street Cross Street, Union Street	Second Quarter.						
Cross Street, Union Street Darby Street Powke Lane, No. 1—27 Terrace Street, Beeches	Sickness Under 5 yrs. 8 1 Over 5 yrs. 10 1 3						
Road H ol ly Road! Whiteheath Gate	Deaths Over 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.						
(Robinson's side) Mincing Lane (4 doors below Oldbury Road) Waterfall Lane (above canal)	Third Quarter.						
Tory Street Granville Road (3 houses above canal)	Sickness Over 5 yrs. 3 1 1						
West Street Marlow Street Highfield Road Duke Street	Deaths Over 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.						
Payne Street Perry Park Road Best Street	Fourth Quarter.						
	Sickness Under 5 yrs. 4 3 7 1						
	Deaths Over 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.						

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OLD HILL WARD Estimated Population to middle of 1906, 11612.	Small Pox Scarlet Fever Diphtheria and Membrous Croup Erysipelas Enteric Fever Puerperal Fever					
STREET LIST. Powke Lane (part below	First Quarter.					
canal) Windmill End Doulton Road (part below canal)	()ver 5 yrs. II 1 2					
Halesowen Road, Haden Hill Hayseech, Barrs Road Waterfall Lane (below	Deaths Over 5 yrs.					
canal) Granville Road, Beauty Bank Cherry Orchard	Second Quarter.					
Wright's Lane Lion Road, Wagon Street King Street, Elbow Street Garratt's Lane, Best Street	Over 5 yrs. 6 I 4 I					
Cross Street, Queen Street Bank Street, Wellington Street						
Dudley Street, Spring Meadow Trinity Street, Mace St. Siddaway Street, Church Street	Third Quarter.					
Court Street, New Street Riddins St., Holloway St. (last part of Riddins St.) Peartree St., PeartreeLane	Over 5 yrs. 13 5 1 3					
(Pack Horse side) Lawrence Lane (except part in Cradley Heath)	Deaths Over 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.					
Claremont Street Reddall Hill Road (from No. 1 to Lawrence Lane on one side and from Reddall Hill Schools,	Fourth Quarter.					
back to Cross) Haden Road, Clyde St. Penn Street, Clifton St. Jackson St., Dalloway St.	Sickness Under 5 yrs. 16 18 2 2 1 1					
Priest St., Hill Passage Brook Street	Deaths Over 5 yrs. I I I					

		² 5								
CRADLEY HEATH WARD. Estimated Population to middle of 1906. 9791			Small Pox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria and Membrous Croup	Erysipelas	Enteric Fever	Puerperal Fever		
STREET LIST.		Fi	rst	Qu	arte	r.				
Peartree Lane (part of Pack Horse) Petford St., Pearson St.	Sickness	Under 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.		6 3		2				
Lawrence Lane (from Pear- tree Lane to Reddall Hill, T. Parkes & Sons' side)	Deaths	Under 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.								
Plant Street, Park Street, Oak Street Reddall Hill Road (part not included in Old Hill Ward)		Second Quarter.								
Newtown St., Hingley St. Spinuer's End Holly Bush Street	Sickness	Under 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.		3 5		2	2			
Meredith St., Allbur St. St. Luke St., School St. Lomey Town, Silverthorn	Deaths	Under 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.								
Lane Forge Lane, Wood's Lane Whitehall Lane Compton Road Scholding Green Road										
Cradley Road Grainger's Lane, Stour Colliery Beehive Street, Cokeland	Sickness	Under 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.		8		3				
Place Station Rd., Chester Road Corngreaves Road	Deaths	Under 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.		I						
Surfeit Hill, Queen Street King St. Tibbetts Gardens High St., Foxoak St. Bank St., Newtown Lane Bannister Street (top of Newtown Lane)										
Providence Street Sidney Street	Sickness	Under 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.		3	2	I				
	Deaths	Under 5 yrs. Over 5 yrs.								

SMALL POX.

No cases during the last 12 months.

SCARLET FEVER.

One hundred and eighty-six cases have been notified, and six deaths have occurred, as against one hundred and thirty-three cases and five deaths for last year. The Notifications were distributed throughout the Wards in the following order:—

		Tividale.	Rowley	Black	Old Hill	Cradley
			Regis.	Heath.	ПП	Heath.
rst Q	uarter	I .	0	4	16	9 = 30
2nd	,,	3	6	18	r r	8 = 46
3rd	9 4	2	3	7	2 9	14 - 55
4th	99	0	O	8	34	I2 = 54
		6	9	37	90	43 = 185

MORTALITY.

Two deaths occurred in the Second Quarter at Rowley.

19	. 19	Third	—r at Blackheath and
	•		1 at Cradley Heath.
11	79	Fourth	" at Old Hill.

The district has not been free from this disease for the last ten years; but this year the type of disease has been milder, and the deaths have been proportionately less.

DIPHTHERIA AND MEMBRANOUS CROUP.

Twenty-six cases have been notified, and six deaths have been registered, as against eleven cases and two deaths for last year.

NOTIFICATIONS.

			Rowley	Black	Old	Cradley
		Tividale.	Regis.	Heath.	Hill.	Heath.
ıst Q	uarter		I	I	2	0 = 5
2nd	+9	I	r	2	2	0 = 6
3rd	,,	0	2	О	7	I = IO
4th	79	O	I	O	2	2 = 5
			Andrewspaper	organ-n-manage		
		2	5	3	13	3 - 26

MORTALITY.

Three deaths occurred in the First Quarter - one at Rowley. one at Blackheath, and one at Old Hill.

Two deaths occurred in the Second Quarter—one at Tividale, and one at Blackheath.

One death occurred in the Fourth Quarter at Old Hill.

Sixteen of the houses had the old midden closets with offensive ashpits, and ro had water closets. There were untrapped drains in two of the cellars. Three defective drains, three defective pans in water closets. Two of the cases contracted the disease outside the district, one case was contracted through nursing a neighbour's child, and in the other cases the surroundings were satisfactory.

MEASLES.

Sixteen deaths have been registered, as against 17 for last year.

The deaths were distributed throughout the Wards in the following order:—

	Tividale.	Rowley Regis.	Blac k Heath.	Old Hill,	Cradley Heath
1st Quarte	r o	o	0	0	0 = 0
2nd ,,	O	0	O	О	0 - 0
3rd ,,	4	2	0	О	0 55 6
4th ,,	O	2	3	4	I - 10
			delta-recoverable		Managaria de Caración de Carac
	4	4	3	4	1 16

The parish was free from this disease during the first half of this year.

In July it appeared at Tividale and in August it assumed epidemic form. One hundred and seventy-two children were reported absent from Tividale School on August 20th. On August 22nd I wrote to the Chairman of the Education Committee, advising him to close the school until after the termination of the September holidays. My advice was taken, and I reported the outbreak to the Local Government Board and to the Staffordshire County Council.

In September it appeared at Blackheath, and in October had extended to the Knowle in the Rowley Regis Ward. In November it had assumed such proportions as to make it advisable, in the interest of public health, to close the Blackheath and Knowle Schools. On October 31st I wrote to the Chairman of the Education Committee, advising him to close these two schools for four weeks—I also reported the occurrence to the Local Government Board and to the Staffordshire County Conncil.

In December the epidemic had considerably abated in these two Wards, but it reappeared in the Old Hill Ward Printed instructions were sent to all the schools for distribution to the parents of the children in attendance, and handbills were freely distributed throughout the parish, warning parents against sending children to school from infected houses, and giving plain, simple instructions how best to avoid spreading the disease The schools were thoroughly cleansed and disinfected.

ENTERIC FEVER.

Eighteen cases notified and five deaths, as against seven cases notified and three deaths for previous year.

These cases have all been treated at their homes.

Distribution of cases throughout the district: -

		Tividale	Rowl e y Regis.	Black He a th	Old Hill.	Cradley Heath.
ıst Qu	arter	0	O	()	Ο	I = I
2nd	9 7	О	I	О	Ŧ	2 = 4
3rd	19	О	О	O	3	0 = 3
4th	. 9	O	2	7	E.	0 = 10
·	·					
		0	3	7	5	3 - 18

On January 10th a case was notified from No. 5 Queen Street, Cradley Heath (A case occurred in the same block on November 22nd, 1905.) Midden closet, otherwise satisfactory. In April four cases were notified—one at Rowley Regis, one at Old Hill, and two at Cradley Heath. The one in the Rowley Regis Ward occurred at No. 17, Oakham. The patient, a young man who was out in South Africa during the late war, and had an attack of fever there. The sanitary conditions are bad; there is only surface drainage, which flows into a ditch close to the house. The ditch has little or no fall for some distance past the house, and consequently the drainage

stagnates there, and at times is very offensive. There is no water on the premises, the only supply being obtained from the Council's watercart. There is also a midden closet.

The Old Hill case occurred at No. 82, Station Road. The patient, a young woman worked at a factory at Halesowen, where the drinking water is obtained from a well. The house (one of ten) is in a big, open yard, in which are five closets and four middens, all close together. Other surroundings are satisfactory.

The Cradley Heath cases. One at Bannister Street. The only unsanitary condition is the proximity of a drain grid to the entrance door. The other case is in a back house in a confined yard, but the patient probably contracted the disease elsewhere, as he had only been in this residence a week previous to his illness

On August 3rd a case was notified from Cherry Orchard, Old Hill. The surroundings were satisfactory No history of infection.

On September 4th a case was notified from Park Street, Old Hill The patient came home ill from Manchester.

On September 5th a case was notified from Wright's Lane, Old Hill. Surroundings satisfactory. No history of infection

On November 27th a case was notified from No. 51, Halesowen Street, Blackheath There is a midden closet in the yard The yard abutts on the Hill Division of Halesowen District. The sanitary conditions there were not satisfactory, and I wrote to the Medical Officer of Health of that district calling his attention to them

In December 9 cases were notified. Four of them occurred in a block of houses known as Potter's Buildings (the same in which the one was notified on November 27th). Two cases occurred in one house in Tory Street. Two cases occurred in Rowley Village; the patients live close together, and are related to each other. One case occurred at Old Hill, quite disconnected from all the others. There is uothing unusual in the surroundings of the houses in which these people reside. All are supplied with South Staffordshire Water Works Company's water, and most of them with water closets. There is nothing unusual with the milk and food supply. Disinfectants are being freely supplied to all cases, and the Hospital at Tividale is being repaired for the isolation of cases if need for doing so should arise.

MORTALITY.

One death occurred at Old Hill in the Second Quarter.

One death occurred at Old Hill in the Third Quarter.

One at Rowley and two at Blackheath in the Fourth Quarter.

PUERPERAL FEVER,

Three cases notified and two deaths, as against one case notified in the previous year.

Two cases were notified in March. One at Mincing Lane and one at Whiteheath. Both cases were attended by midwives, and by a curious coincidence both midwives were suffering from influenza. The Whiteheath case died.

The third case was notified on November 24th, at West Street, Blackheath. This case which was under the care of a medical man, wes complicated with pneumonia. The patient died.

The usual precautions were adopted to both patients and midwives.

ERYSIPELAS.

Forty cases notified and two deaths, as against thirty two cases notified last year.

Distribution of cases throughout the district —

		Tividale	Rowley Regis.	Black Heath.	Old Hlll	Cradley Heath.
ıst Q	uartei	1	2	2	4	2 = II
2nd	"	2	3	3	3	2 = 13
3rd	13	О	O	I	r	3 = 5
4th	,,	O	5	3	I	2 - II
						-
		3	10	9	9	9 = 40

One death occurred at Tividale in the Second Quarter, and one death occurred at Rowley Regis in the Fourth Quarter.

The cases were all disconnected.

DIARRHŒA.

Twenty-eight deaths were registered from this disease, as against twenty-seven for the previous year.

Twenty-three of these deaths were under one year of age, and five between one and five years of age.

Distribution of deaths throughout the district:

		cont. La la	Rowley	Black	Old	Cradley
		Tividale.	Regis.	Heath	Hill.	Heath.
ıst Qı	uarter	0	0	O	0	0 = 0
2nd	"	Ι	and the same of th	0	0	0 = 2
3rd	"	5	О	4	7	7 = 23
4th	21	0	1	O	2	0 - 3
		6	2	4	9	7 - 28

EPIDEMIC INFLUENZA.

This disease has been prevalent in a mild form throughout the greater part of this year, and throughout the whole district. Four deaths have been registered. Two occurred in the second quarter, one at Old Hill and one at Cradley Heath; one at Tividale in the third quarter, and one at Old Hill in the fourth quarter.

WHOOPING COUGH.

Twenty-four deaths, as against fourteen for previous year.

Last year closed with the tail-end of an epidemic in the Cradley Heath and Old Hill Wards The school returns (which are my only available source of information) showed that a few cases occurred in the Blackheath and Rowley Regis Wards during the month of January, that a few cases were scattered throughout all the Wards in February and March, that the Old Hill, Cradley Heath, and Rowley Regis Wards were involved during April and May that the Parish was practically clear from the end of May to the end of August, that a few cases occurred at Tividale and Old Hill in September, a few cases at Cradley Heath in October, and that during the remaining portion of the year the Parish was free from the disease

MORTALITY.

		Tividale.	Rowley Regis.	Black Heath.	Old Hill.	Cradley Heath.
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Measles and Whooping Cough are the most prevalent epidemic diseases, and those which cause the greatest mortality in this district. The number of cases as shown by the School Returns must not be taken as representing anything near an accurate return of children affected. These diseases are conspicuously those of early childhood, and consequently many children contract them before arriving at school age. All the deaths recorded this year from both diseases occurred to children under five years of age.

The Council was so impressed with the necessity of attempting to check the spreading of these two diseases (which, besides being so fatal to life, so dislocates the school machinery), that they issued to the public respecting persons affected with catching diseases a Warning, cautioning them against exposing themselves in public, or allowing any infected clothing, bedding, etc., to be exposed previous to disinfection and calling their attention to the penalties prescribed for either of these offences.

Many people have the idea that children must of necessity have both Measles and Whooping Cough, and that the sooner they get them the better. Consequently little or no means of prevention on their part are used but, on the contrary, every facility is given for the children to take the diseases.

PHTHISIS.

Twenty-four deaths, as against twenty-four last year.

Twenty of these occurred in the parish, and four to parishioners who died in institutions outside the district.

The deaths were distributed throughout the district in the following order:—

	0		Rowley	Black	Old	Cradley
		Tividale	Regis.	Heath.	Hill.	Heath.
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		4	4	6	7	3 = 24

The opposition to disinfection of houses and clothing after this disease is now practically extinct.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES ADOPTED.

All Small Pox cases will in future be isolated at the South Staffordshire Joint Small Pox Hospital Board's Hospital at Bradley. All other cases of Infectious Diseases are treated at the patients' homes. All are visited as soon as possible after notification, and are supplied with disinfectants, and a circular giving instructions how they are to be used, and warning them against exposing themselves in public until after the houses and clothing have been fumigated by the Council's Official. Preventing children from infected houses attending school. Cleansing and fumigating all dirty and infected houses. Fumigating all infected houses and clothing with sulphur fumes. Cleansing drains and water-Converting defective midden closets into water closets Insisting on a pure water supply, where the present supply is doubtful or insufficient. Compulsory disinfection at the steam disinfector of all clothing, bedding, etc., of Small Pox, Enteric Fever, and Puerperal Fever cases, and those of Phthisis and of any other infectious disease, at the discretion of the Medical Officer of Health, free of charge; also the bedding, clothing, etc., of any parishioner, from any cause, who is willing to pay a Fee of Ten Shillings for so doing

A free supply to medical practitioners for their use amongst parishioners of Antistreptococus and Antidiphtheretic Serums, with the necessary syringes Bacteriological Examination, free of charge, at the Birmingham University, of secretions from supposed cases of Diphtheria, Phthisis, and Enteric Fever Compulsory notification of the following diseases:—Small Pox, Scarlet Fever, Enteric Fever, Diphtheria and Membranous Croup Puerperal Fever, Erysipelas, Cholera, and Typhus Fever.

Very valuable information, otherwise unobtainable, is furnished by the weekly returns from the Elementary Schools of children absent from school on account of some infectious disease. This information is especially valuable in the unnotified diseases. I again thank the Education Committee for their kind co-operation in the sanitary work of this district.

Epitome of Sanitary Work for the year 1906.

DEEP DRAINAGE AND HOUSE CONNECTION.

This scheme was completed in the year 1901 According to the returns forwarded up to the end of 1905, six thousand seven hundred and seventy-one have been connected with the sewer. During the past year eighty-six new houses have been connected, making a total of six thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven. Six undrained houses have been demolished during the past year.

CELLAR DRAINAGE.

Fifteen cellars have been connected to the deep drainage system, and have all been done in accordance with the instructions insisted on by the County Medical Officer of Health, viz:—The outlet from the cellar to be carried through the wall, and empty itself into a gulley placed outside the building, from which an air-shaft must be built to the ground level and covered by a cast-iron trap.

NIGHTSOIL AND HOUSE REFUSE.

This work is still carried on by contract, as in previous years, and is supervised by the Sanitary Inspector and his assistant. The nightsoil is removed during the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a m, and the dry ashes during the daytime.

The provision of water closets is compulsory in all new houses where water supply and drainage facilities are available. The old privies and privy-middens are being steadily replaced by water-closets whenever opportunity arises. During the last year one hundred and twenty-nine midden-closets were converted into water-closets and eighty-six new houses were constructed with water-closets,

The Sanitary Inspector reported as follows: -

The Sanitary Inspector reported as follows:									
Wards.	Number of Water Closets.	Number of dry Ashpits connected with Water Closets.	Number of Ashbins.	Number of Privy Closets.	Number of Ashpits connected with Privy Closets				
Tividale	278	141	16	226	173				
Rowley Regis	349	153	15	572	432				
Black Heath	487	281	20	552	435				
Old Hill	787	45 ²	40	1811	914				
Cradley Heath	916	456	58	799	598				
Total	2817	1483	149	3330	2552				
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The Bin System is gradually gaining favour, and so far has proved satisfactory. The old ashpits, when large quantities of ashes and refuse are allowed to accumulate, are very objectionable, and are a very possible source of danger to health.

WATER SUPPLY.

The chief water supply is obtained from the South Staffordshire Water Works Company. One hundred and seventy-three houses have had the water laid on during the last year Turner's Hill district (waterless area) is still supplied with water by the Council's water cart, which conveys the South Staffordshire Water Works Company's water twice weekly free of charge to this district. The Folly Spring in Parker's Lane, Tividale, which has been protected from polution, and made capable of storing two hundred gallons, proves a great boon to this portion of the parish.

COW-SHEDS, DAIRIES, AND MILK-SHOPS

All plans for any of the above-mentioned buildings are passed subject to the New Bye-laws. There is no alteration in the numbers since last year, viz., Forty-two, and they are all kept in a satisfactory condition. Eighty-seven inspections of Cow-sheds and Eighty-seven inspections of Daries and Milk-shops have been made. No legal proceedings have been taken.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

Twenty-eight are in use throughout the parish. One hundred and twenty-eight inspections have been made. Orders have been issued in eight cases to mitigate the nuisance arising from excessive storage of manure on the premises, which resulted (in all the cases complained of) in the adoption of galvanised tanks for its daily removal.

UNSANITARY HOUSES.

Six have been abolished owing to delapidations and unsanitary conditions. No action has been enforced by the Council.

OVERCROWDING.

Seventeen cases of overcrowding have been discovered. Fifteen have been abated, and two are under notice. Building operations are steadily increasing in most of the Wards.

CEMETERY.

This question is still under consideration.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

Proceedings, which resulted in a fine of £ io o o, were taken against a butcher at Old Hill. on October 19th, for having in his possession for sale the carcase of an unsound and diseased cow.

NEW STREETS

The Council still have all land as newly-laid out building estates put in proper order and adopted in accordance with the Public Health Act.

BACTERIOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS OF DIPHTHERIA, ENTERIC. FEVER AND TUBERCULOLIS

The arrangements made by the Staffordshire County Council with the Birmingham University are still in force. The necessary apparatus, and the free supply of serums and syringes for the use of medical men for any parishioner are still available on application at the Council Offices or my residence.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

All Small Pox patients will in future be treated at the South Staffordshire Joint Small Pox Board's Hospital at Bradley. The Hospital at Tividale, which has again fallen out of repair, is to be repaired and kept in readiness for the isolation of Enteric Fever cases, if found necessary.

Rowley Regis Urban District Council.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT (1901)

As mentioned in my previous reports, Rowley Regis is a large, scattered parish, extending over an area of 3,670 acres, and contains an estimated population (up to the middle of 1906) of 37,200. It is divided into five Wards, viz., Tividale, Rowley Regis, Black Heath, Old Hill, and Cradley Heath

Tividale Ward has an area of nine hundred and eighty-four acres, and a population of 2,998 inhabitants, and is partly agricultural and partly industrial. The chief industries are Coal-mining, Brickmaking, different varieties of Iron Manufacture, Galvanising, and Granite-quarrying.

Rowley Regis has an area of one thousand three hundred and forty-seven acres, and a population of 5,710 inhabitants, and is also partly agricultural and partly industrial. The chief industries are Coalmining, Granite-quarrying, Brick-making, Potterywork, Nut and Bolt, Rivet and Nail trade.

Black Heath has an area of one hundred and eighty-eight acres, and a podulation of 7,089 inhabitants, and is almost entirely industrial, The chief industries are Nut and Bolt, Spade and Shovel, Rivets and Nails, Tailoring, Baking, and Boot and Shoe-making.

Old Hill has an area of five hundred and ninety-nine acres, and a population of 11,712 inhabitants, and is chiefly industrial. The chief industries are Iron-making, Coal-mining. Brick-making, Boot and Shoemaking, Rivet-making, Chain-making, Tube-making, Tailoring, and Coke burning.

Cradley Heath has an area of five hundred and fifty-two acres, and a population of 9,791 inhabitants, and is chiefly industrial. The chief industries are chain-making, Rivet-making, Galvanizing, Brick, making, and various forms of Finished Iron Industries, Coke-burning, Boot-making, Tailoring, and Hollow-ware trade.

The bulk of the inhabitants of the district are of the artizan class, and are employed at some one or other of the above-named industries

The Act still continues to work smoothly, and legal proceedings have not been called for. Lime-washing of the premises is done periodically every six months. The practice of keeping animals in the workshops is an exceptional occurrence.

The Sanitary conditions in Factories and Workshops are satisfactory. Section 22 of P.H.A.A.A., 1890, is in force in this district, and whenever any contravention is discovered, owners are immediately served with a notice

The cubical space in the workshops is ample, and ventilation. especially in the Chain, Nail and Rivet Shops is free, as all the windows are unglazed.

The water supply is plentiful and good.

Eight hundred and eighty inspections have been made of Factories, Work-shops and Work-places, and sixty of Home-workers Premises, and eight written notices have been served during the year

There are on the register at the present time:—

2084 Workshops.

164 Bakehouses

60 Home-workers Premises.

Twenty-four out of the one hundred and sixty-four Bake house are for wholesale trade. There are no under-ground Bakehouses in this district.

Eight notices have been served.

Three for insufficient closet accommodation, and five to cleanse dirty shops.

LIST OF OUT-WORKERS.

Very few of the Manufacturers supply the lists of out-workers as required by the Act of Parliament, in spite of repeated warnings from the Council Notices have again been sent to them, consequently ignorance of their obligations can no longer be an excuse for their negligence.

Lists have been received from thirty-one employers, fourteen of which were for the half-year and seventeen for the year. My services have only been requisitioned in eight instances, and no legal proceedings have been called for.

The appended Schedule was filled in by Mr. Barnsley (the Council's Inspector) and signed by myself:—

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for the year 1906, for the Urban District of Rowley Regis, on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with

Factories, Workshops, Laundries, Workplaces and Homework.

I.—INSPECTION [Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances].

		Number of	
Premises,	Inspections	Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
Factories [including Factory Laundries]			0
Workshops [including Workshop Laundries]	535	1-	0
Workplaces [other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3 of this Report]	338	0	•
Total	880	8	0

2. - DEFECTS FOUND.

	Nu N	Number of Defects.	Number
Particulars.	Found.	Referred Referred Remedied to H.M. Inspector	ed Prosecu- 1. tions.
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:			
Want of cleanliness	403	403 0	0
Want of ventilation		0	 ;
:	0	0	
Want of drainage of floors	0	0	0
Other nuisances		7. 0	0
(Insufficient	-	•	
†Sanitary accommodation \ Unsuitable or defective		0	0
sexes	•	0	0
Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act:	<u></u>		
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101)	0	0	0
Breach of special sanitary requirements for bakehouses (ss. 97 to 100)	C :	0	
Other offences	•	0	0
(Excluding offences relating to outwork which are included in Part 3 this Report)	of		
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Total	414	413	0
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† One Water Closet for every 20 persons.

Separate accommodation for the sexes.

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			Nature of Work.			Wearing Apparel—	(a) cleaning & washing	Tace lace curtains and nets	Furniture and Unholstery		o (s and Boxes		• •		٠	Cables aed Chains)	Anchors and Grapnels	Cart Gear Locks, Latches and Keys	Total	

4.-REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

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5.-OTHER MATTERS.

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February 21st, 1907.

J. G. BEASLEY, Medical Officer of Health.

Vaccination Returns.

For the Year ending December 31st, 1906.

Total nu	mber of Births		1202
No. 1 District B	y Public Vaccinator		277
В	y Private Practitioner	* * *	74
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	y Public Vaccinator	£ * *	167
В	y Private Practitioner	*	374
			541
Insusceptible of V	accination		5
Had Small Pox	• • •		0
\	scientious Objectors		4
Dead (Unvaccinat	/		95
Postponed by Med			33
Removal to Distri	cts—the Vaccination O	fficers	
	ave been apprised		ī
Removal to places	unknown and cases not	found	23
†Not Vaccinated			149
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† The majority of these cases are not of age, and are, therefore not liable to vaccination at present. The one pock system of vaccination is still extensively carried on, especially in the Cradley Heath, Old Hill, and Blackheath Wards. Conscientious objectors have increased by two, but are still rare. The number of children vaccinated under four months by the parents request is steadily increasing.

In conclusion, I again wish to express my hearty thanks to all those Officers of the Council, Parish and various Institutions, who have assisted me by furnishing the necessary information in their respective departments.

I append a Schedule issued by the Staffordshire County Council of work done in the Sanitary Inspector's Department; also the Surveyor's Report of Sanitary Work done in the District.

I again add an extract from the memorandum issued by the Local Government Board as to the Annual Report of Medical Officers of Health, which explains the reason for the recapitulation contained in this Report. "It should be remembered that these reports are for

the information of the Local Government Board, and of the County Council as well as of the Council of the District, and that a statement of the local circumstances, and a history of the local Sanitary questions which may seem superfluous to the latter, may often be needed by the former bodies."

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

J. G. BEASLEY,

Medical Officer of Health to Rowley Regis Urban District Council.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

TABLE VI.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORK done in the Nuisance Inspector's Department during the year 1906, in the Urban District of Rowley Regis.

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		Numb	er of	Abatemer	nt Notices.	Nuisance after No	es abated otice by
	•	Inspections and Observations made.	Defects found.	Informal by Inspector	Formal by Authority	Inspector.	Auth'rity
Foul Conditions	• • •	82	36	36	3	27	2
Structural Defects Overcrowding Unfit for Habitation	• • •	0	0	0	3	0	3
Overcrowding		25	17	17	2		2
Unfit for Habitation	• • •	9	9 '	9	6	3	6
Lodging-houses		0	0	0	0	0	0
Dairies and Milkshops		87	0	0	0	, 0	0
Cowsheds		87	0	0	0	0	0
Bakehouses		94	0	0	0	0	0
Slaughter-houses	9-4-0	128	0	0	0	0	0
Canal Boats		197	1.1	II	0	8	0
Ashpits and Privies		8241	68	68	44	18	42
Deposits of Refuse & Man	ure	62	15	15	0	15	0
Water Closets		2598	57	57	1 I	39	10
Defective Traps No Disconnection Other Faults		208	2 [2 [2	19	2
No Disconnection		Ο,	0	0	0	0	0
Eā Other Faults		187	74	58	14	56	II
Water Supply		18	13	6	0	2	0
Pigsties	• • •	58	0	23	Ĭ	ΙI	I
Animals improperly kept		4	0	1	0	0	0
Offensive Trades	• • •	0	0.	0	0	0	0
Smoke Nuisances		3	0	I	0	ī	0
Other Nuisances		0	0	0	0	0	0
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Prosecutions for exposure	of T				gs	• • •	0
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NOTE When an Inspection or Notice						• • •	

NOTE,--When an Inspection or Notice embraces more than one defect, it may be enumerated separately as regard each such defect.

Signed ELIJAH T. BARNSLEY,

Feb. 12th, 1907.

Inspector of Nuisances.

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INSPECTOR OF CANAL BOATS ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1906.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR INSPECTION. &C.

Frequent visits are made by myself and the Assistant Inspector to the banks of the Canal which runs through this Council's district, for the purpose of examining Canal Boats plying thereon.

My address is: - Council Offices, Old Hill, Staffordshire.

NUMBER OF BOATS INSPECTED.

There have been 197 Boats inspected during the year.

There was not anything of a very unsatisfactory nature discovered either in the condition of the Boats or their Occupants.

The Occupiers of the Boats consisted of 296 men, 110 women, 54 boys and girls between the age of 5 and 12 years, and 55 boys and girls under 5 years of age.

CONTRAVENTIONS.

There have been 11 Notices served upon Owners of Canal Boats with respect to the following contraventions which were discovered. In two cases the boats were without water vessels, in one case the boat was improperly numbered, in two cases the cabin admitted rain and needed repairs, in one case the cabin admitted rain and the water vessel was not of sufficient capacity, in one case the boat was without a certificate, in two cases the certificate did not identify the owner and the boat, in one case the boat was without a certificate, required painting, and the cabins were not in a cleanly condition, and in one case the boat needed repairs and painting, and the certificate did not identify the owner and the boat.

Eight of the above notices have been satisfactorily dealt with, but in the other three cases I have not yet been able to clear them up, but am hoping to do so soon.

There has not been a case in which the Master of the Boat has refused admittance, but, on the other hand, there has always been willingness to allow the Officers to examine the Boats.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

No legal proceedings have been instituted.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

No case of Infectious Disease was discovered on any of the Boats inspected.

The Council's Hospital, situated in the Tividale Ward of this District, is available for the isolation of cases of Enteric Fever. should it be required, and the South Staffordshire Joint Small-pox Hospital, situated at Bradley, is available for any patient suffering from Small pox

DETENTION OF BOATS FOR CLEANSING AND DISINFECTION.

It has not been necessary to detain any Boat for either of the above purposes.

This is not a Registration Authority.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

ELIJAH T. BARNSLEY,

Inspector.

January 3rd, 1907.

FIRE BRIGADE.

During the year there has not been a serious fire, such as occurred in 1905.

All the sections of the Brigade still continue to work in a friendly spirit towards each other, and we have been fortunate in not loosing a fireman.

The Annual Competitive Drills for the Silver Cups presented by the late Colonel Webb, Esq., M.P., and A. H. Bassano, Esq., J.P., and the Shield and Hosewinder presented by A. Elliott, Esq., and James Skidmore Jones, Esq. (Chairman of the Fire Committee), have proved very profitable to the firemen since their commencement, by causing them to drill with greater care and smartness, with the hope of winning one or more of the above trophies.

The additional Hose, &c, which the Council have provided during the year now enables each section to reach (in the case of ffre) several places which they were unable to before they were purchased, without calling some neighbouring section.

Some of the Firemen's Uniforms, viz, Tunics and Boots, are looking the worse for wear and tear, and I have had several requests to supply them with new ones

The annual dinner undoubtedly encourages the Firemen in the noble work which they have undertaken, and I beg to thank the Council on behalf of the Brigade for the same, which was only most generously augmented by the gift of 5/- to each Fireman by the Chairman of the Fire Committee

The Insurance Companies still continue to act very honourably in meeting the claims made upon them for charges, both for Firemen and helpers (which sometimes have to be engaged)

The Chairman of the Council (C. Woodhouse, Esq., J.P.) has manifested his usual keen interest in the Brigade by his friendly advise and help, and his frequent enquiries as to the progress it is making.

E. T. BARNSLEY,

Captain.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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Rowley Regis Urban District Council.

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LIST OF KERBING AND CHANNELLING LAID DURING THE YEAR 1906.

January.

80 yards at Gorsty Hill. 297, Compton Road, Cradley Heath.

March.

108 yards at Moor Lane.

April.

25 yards at Station Street, Cradley Heath.

May.

82 yards at Beeches Road, Blackheath.

July.

172 yards at Meadow Street, Old Hill.

October.

100 yards at Tipton Road, Tividale.

November.

yards at Rowley Road.
Tippity Green.

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List of houses supplied with South Staffordshire Water Works Company's Water during the year 1906:—

January	• • •	17
February	• • •	Ι2
March	• • •	22
May	4.9 0	11
June	•••	3
July	• • •	5
August		15
September	• • •	27
October		25
November		17
December		19
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PIPES LAID DURING THE YEAR 1906.

10	yards	of 6	inch pipes	lai i a	t Lawrence Lane, Old Hill.
2	"	12	,,,		,,
24	, ,	6	77		Sydney Road, Cradley Heath.
15	,,	9	19		Allbutt Street, Cradley Heath.
39	,,	15	9.		Powke Lane, Blackheath.
16	54	9	,,		,,
30	,,	, 6	٠,		,,
10	,	. 6	,,		Wrights Lane, Old will.
3	,,	12	,,		"
$4\frac{1}{2}$	<u>l</u> , , ,	15	51		,,
48	1 5	9	,,		Ross, Blackheath.
7	7.5	12	7.5		Waterfall Lane, Blackheath.
19	,,	, 9	,,		21 22
5	5 ·	6	,,		"
8	٠,	6	,,		Moor Lane, Rowley Regis.
7	,,	6	"		Dudley Road, Rowley Regis
10	12	9	, ,		Springfield Lane, Rowley Regis.
20	, .	6	"		Tadpole Hole, Old Hill.
5	,,	9	51		Spring Meadow, Old Hill
30	,,	18	, ,		Best Street; Old Hill
6	19	9	,,		"
28	,,	18	, ,		Garratts Lane, Old Hill.
8	,,	4	,		Shephelds Fold, Rowley Regis.
3	,,	6	,,		,,
15	,,	6	,,		Haden Hill, Old Hill.
14	, ,	6	5 °		Tipton Road, Tividale.
18	;	9	29		Corngreaves Road, Cradley Heath
18	, ,	6	,,		Lomey Town Schools, Cradley Heath.

 $^{422\}frac{1}{2}$ yards

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DITCHES CLEANED OUT DURING THE YEAR 1906.

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February.

65 yards at Halesowen Road.

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April.

310 yards at Gipsy Lane.

750 ,, Throne Road.

351 ,, Oakham Road.

32 ,, Beauty Bank.

1000 ,, Portway Road.

600 ,, Darbys Hill

811 ,, Oldbury Road.

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May.

64 yards at Terrace Street.

251 , Codsall Fields.

32 ,, Beauty Bank.

206 , Oldbury Road.

of , Tividale Road.

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June.

211 yards at Oldbury Road

Halesowen Street, Blackheath.

of , Throne Road

Halesowen Road, Old Hill.

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July.

162 yards at Elbow Street, Old Hill.

441 ,, Oldbury Road.

635 ,, Oakham Road.

42 , Mincing Lane.

August.

630 yards at Oakham Road.

32 ,, Beauty Bank.

96 ,, Oakham Road.

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September.

1229 yards at Oakham Road.

112 ,, Oldbury Road.

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October.

541 yards at Hayseech.

232 ,, Barrs Road.

295 , Mincing Lane.

32 ,, Beauty Bank.

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WILLIAM H. BRETTELL,

Surveyor.